



Commissioner George Holmes receives a check from Mr. Kaffer for the work the county has put into culvert and canal repairs. This check totaled

\$35,000, a part of \$83,000 that has been appropriated for Wasatch County.

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## Local Head Start Program Elects New Officers



New officers for Mountainland Head Start's Heber Center Committee were recently elected. The Heber Center Committee is made up of the parents of the 11 children attending that Center which is located in Heber and serves families in Heber and the surrounding areas. The parents chose the following as their leaders for the 1984-85 school year: Blanche Clark, President; Caelyn Nielson, Vice-President; and JoAnn Rutledge, Secretary/Treasurer.

Head Start is unique in its organization of parents and parent involvement; it is the only Federal program required by Congress to include a structure for parents to be involved in the programs not only as volunteers in the classrooms and advisors, but as policy-makers as well.

The Center Committee is part of this mandated structure that

significantly alters the life course of children who participated as compared to those who did not participate. Participants were found to be more successful in high school and more likely to attend college and job training classes. They are more often employed and self-supporting and record a lower rate of crime, welfare usage, and teenage pregnancy. The economic benefits greatly outweigh the program costs to society. "For each dollar spent, \$7 can be expected to be returned in such areas as reduced crime, unemployment compensation, welfare payments, and remedial education," explained David Weikart, president of High-Scope Educational Research Foundation, the organization conducting the study.

Dorcas Hardy, Assistant Secretary for Human Development